Bilateral Talks on Textiles between India and USA

*608. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bilateral talks in the area of textiles between India and USA were stalled a few weeks ago;

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided to resume negotiations;

(d) what are the factors responsible for resumption of the talks; and

(e) by when handlook exports from India to USA are likely to commence again and whether Government propose to allow entry of high value textile imports from the United States to our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) Towards the closing phase of the Uruguay Round negotiations in Geneva in the middle of December 1993, there was an understanding that market access negotiations relating to the textile sector would continue even after the negotiations at the official level came to an end on 15 December, 1993. Keeping in view this understanding India and the United States of America negotiated in Geneva 21-27 March 1994, with a view to resolving the market access issue in a mutually acceptable manner taking into account the desire of both the sides for enhanced market access. However, these negotiations did not result in any agreement. The negotiations between the two countries would be resumed shortly at the official level with a view fo finding a mutually acceptable arrangement.

(e) There had been no cessation of exports of handloom items from India to the USA. The request of the USA to India to permit import of high value textile items would be discussed during the ensuing official level negotiations.

आतिथ्य संबंधी व्यय

*609. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि संचार मंत्रालय के आतिथ्य संबंधी व्यय में गत वर्ष की तुलना में वृद्धि हुई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान आतिथ्य पर प्रति वर्ष कितना व्यय किया गया था; और

(घ) आतिथ्य संबंधी व्यय में कमी करने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये गये है?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) उपर्युक्त भाग (क) को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान आतिथ्य सत्कार संबंधी व्यय की राशि इस प्रकार है:—

(लाख रु० में)

वर्ष	संचार मंत्रालय
1990-91	5.10
1991-92	4.30
1992-93	9.81
1993-94 (2/94 तक)	4.35

(घ) उपर्युक्त भाग (क) और (ख) को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Mid-term Encashment of NSC's and Kisan Vikas Patras

*610. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sale proceeds of the National Savings Certificates and Kisan Vikas Patras are shared by the Union and State Governments and invested in the developmental plans;

(b) whether there is no mid-term encashment of National Savings Certificates